

Missouri State Archives

Finding Aid [998.486]

MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

Governor Mel Carnahan Collection

Abstract: Materials related to the funeral of Governor Mel Carnahan and his 2000 United States Senate campaign.

Extent: 3 folders

Physical Description: Paper; Ephemera

Location: Missouri State Archives; Stacks

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Alternative Formats: None

Access Restrictions: None

Publication Restrictions: Standard copyright rules apply

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

On October 16, 2000, Missouri Governor Melvin “Mel” Carnahan, his son Roger “Randy” Carnahan and Campaign Advisor Christopher Sifford were killed in a plane crash during a campaign trip for the U.S. Senate. Randy was the pilot and they encountered bad weather outside of St. Louis. Because Carnahan’s name could not be removed from the November ballot, now-Governor Roger B. Wilson said he would appoint Mel’s wife Jean Carnahan to the position. In the first successful posthumous election in U.S. history, Mel Carnahan won the U.S. Senate seat against his opponent former Governor John Ashcroft in November 2000.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Related Collections

RG3.51 Mel Carnahan, 1993-2000

RG104 Department of Economic Development Photograph Collection

RG550 Missouri General Assembly

Additional External Resources

Associated Press. "Missouri Governor, 2 Others Reported Dead in Plane Crash." New York Times. 17 October 2000. Online. <https://www.nytimes.com/2000/10/17/us/missouri-governor-2-others-reported-dead-in-plane-crash.html>.

DOCUMENTS, 2000

Arrangement: Chronological

Scope and Content

Funeral programs for Governor Mel Carnahan and his campaign advisor Christopher Sifford.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	212	9	Funeral Program, "Governor Mel Carnahan 1934-2000" (2 copies)	10/20/2000
	212	9	Paper tickets to Gov. Carnahan's funeral, various colors measuring roughly 3"x4" (2 copies each)	10/20/2000
	212	10	Funeral Program, "Christopher Dale Sifford 1963-2000: A Celebration of Life"	11/10/2000

EPHEMERA, 2000

Arrangement: None

Scope and Content

Senatorial campaign materials for Governor Mel Carnahan, most made post-mortem.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	212	11	Door hanger for Democratic candidates for U.S. Office showing Mel Carnahan for U.S. Senate	2000
	212	11	Strip of eight identical stickers marked "Teamsters Remember Mel" and "Governor Mel Carnahan, a Friend of Labor" printed by the International Association of Teamsters	Oct.-Nov. 2000
	212	11	Bumper sticker: "US SENATE CARNAHAN" paid for by the Carnahan for Senate Committee, Roger Carnahan, Treasurer	2000
	212	11	Bumper sticker: "Don't Let the Fire Go Out" Mel Carnahan	Oct.-Nov. 2000
	212	11	Bumper sticker: "I'm Still with Mel Don't Let the Fire Go Out," paid for by the Carnahan for Senate Committee	Oct.-Nov. 2000
	212	11	Bookmark: "in remembrance of Governor Mel Carnahan 1934-2000 The Dream Lives On." (2 copies)	Oct.-Nov. 2000
	212	11	Button or pin-back: "I'm Still with Mel" paid for by the Carnahan for Senate	Oct.-Nov. 2000